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SUBJECT: INITIAL UNCURK REACTION TO ROK FOREIGN POLICY
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1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR BOURCHIER TOLD US THAT UNCURK
MET JUNE 26 FOR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ROK
FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE.

2. ACCORDING BOURCHIER NONE OF MEMBERS HAVE SO FAR
RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING FURTHER UNCURK ACTIONS
IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT PARK'S JUNE 23 STATEMENT.
HOWEVER, ALL UNCURK REPS ARE WILLING TO BRING UNCURK
TO AN HONORABLE END. ONLY DISSENTER IS UNCURK
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, OZBUDUN, WHO FOR HIS OWN REASONS
WOULD LIKE TO STRING OUT LIFE OF COMMISSION. BOURCHIER
INDICATED OZBUDUN'S VIEWS WILL NOT AFFECT UNCURK
DECISIONS.

3. AT JUNE 26 SESSION, BOURCHIER SAID IT WAS DECIDED
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TO DISPATCH CURRENT UNCURK CHAIRMAN (PHILIPPINE
AMBASSADOR) TO APPROACH MOFA ON TWO POINTS:

A. TO INQUIRE WHETHER PRIME MINISTER WAS TO
MAKE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS RE UNCURK DURING CURRENT
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DELIBERATIONS. (THE ANSWER IS NO.)

B. TO ASCERTAIN MORE FULLY ROKG VIEWS ON FUTURE
OF COMMISSION AND POSSIBLE MEANS TO DISSOLVE IT.

4. BOURCHIER INDICATED THAT UNCURK MEMBERS, INCLUDING
AUSTRALIANS, WOULD GO NO FURTHER UNTIL THEY RECEIVED
INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. THERE HAS BEEN
SOME DISCUSSION AMONG MEMBERS ON EXACTLY HOW UNCURK
MIGHT BE DISSOLVED BUT NO FIRM VIEWS HAVE BEEN PUT
FORWARD. BOURCHIER SPOKE OF POSSIBILITY THAT UNCURK
WOULD WRITE BRIEF FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMEND ITS
OWN DISSOLUTION TO UNGA. THIS MIGHT BE DONE AT ANY
TIME BETWEEN NOW AND FALL MEETING OF GA. IT WAS HIS
UNOFFICIAL VIEW THAT GA WOULD SOMEHOW HAVE TO APPROVE
OF DISSOLUTION. WE TOLD HIM WE WERE AWAITING
GUIDANCE ON TACTICS AT UN AND WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH
HIM, BUT MEANWHILE IT WAS WELL THAT UNCURK NOT SETTLE
ON ANYTHING FINAL UNTIL COORDINATED ALL AROUND.

5. MEANWHILE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CALLED IN DCM
AND ASKED FOR OUR VIEW ON PROPOSAL THAT UNCURK REACH
EARLY PUBLIC DECISION TO DISSOLVE ITSELF. (JUNE 25
CONVERSATION WITH USUN MAY HAVE BEEN PARTIAL INSPIRATION
FOR THIS QUESTION.) YUN SAID UNCURK CHAIRMAN TIRONA
WAS CALLING ON FONMIN THAT AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS IDEA.
DCM SAID THAT THIS WAS ONE OPTION FOR DEALING WITH
UNCURK AND SHOULD BE WEIGHED AS WE DEVELOPED OUR
STRATEGY, BUT THAT WE FAVORED COMPREHENSIVE CONSIDER-
ATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF UN PROBLEM AND NOT PIECEMEAL
APPROACH.
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